TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 463

February 9, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Decreases, from four years to two years, the term length for an individual elected to a local board of education. Prohibits a person from serving on a local board of education if they are the relative of a current board member. Effective January 1, 2022.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation does not vacate the office of a member of a local board of education if the member was elected to a four-year term, or is currently serving a term with a relative, if such members were elected before January 1, 2022.
- It is assumed that the shortened terms and restrictions on board members will not result in a significant reduction in the number of candidates seeking to serve on the board.
- Members on local boards of education are currently elected to staggered four-year terms. Beginning with 2024 local election cycle, all seats on a local board of education will be on the same ballot, elected for a two-year term.
- The shortened election cycle and elimination of staggered terms of office for members on a local board of education will result in larger ballots with more candidates; however, County Election Commissions will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources such that the fiscal impact to local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- No impact to state government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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